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Shultz defends U.S. Gulf policy

WASHINGTON (R) — Secretary of State George Shultz on Sunday defended the U.S. plan to protect Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf and said the programme would begin next month despite congressional pressure for a delay. "I think it's the sensible thing to do," Mr. Shultz said of the plan to bring 11 Kuwaiti tankers under U.S. flags and provide them with naval escorts for protection against pirates, primarily expected from Iran. Asked during an interview on CBS television if he would oppose a delay in the plan, Mr. Shultz said: "Absolutely. I think it would be a very bad thing to do from the standpoint of the United States." He said it would be disastrous if the United States allowed itself to be pushed out of the Gulf, leaving the Soviet Union "astride the supplies of oil to the free world." Mr. Shultz said there was still no precise date for the U.S. protection of the Kuwaiti ships to begin. "It will be some time in the next month, maybe in the first half of the next month," he said. "We want to do it when we have the presence that is considered by our naval officers to be adequate to do the job, and we're assembling that," Mr. Shultz said.

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Raimond begins visit on July 5

AMMAN (J.T.) — French Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond is expected to begin an official three-day visit to Jordan on July 5, according to a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry. Mr. Raimond, who will be accompanied by his wife, is expected to hold talks with senior Jordanian officials on the latest developments in the region and means to boost bilateral relations.

Mauritania said to have cut Iran ties

PARIS (R) — Mauritania is severing diplomatic relations with Iran, Radio France Internationale said Sunday. The foreign-broadcasting arm of French state radio quoted the Mauritanian government as saying Tehran's obstinate refusal of any negotiations in its conflict with Iraq threatened the stability of all countries in the region. Mauritanian diplomats in Paris were unavailable for comment.

McGovern: U.S.-Iran war is unlikely

BAHRAIN (R) — Former U.S. presidential candidate George McGovern said Sunday the United States was taking risks by sending more warships to the Gulf but thought a naval conflict with Iran unlikely. The former Democratic senator said he had no doubt the United States would win any sea war with Iran, but added: "I don't think we are headed for a war." Iran has threatened to confront U.S. military presence in the Gulf, saying security of the waterway was the responsibility of the littoral states. Mr. McGovern and former U.S. Republican Senator Charles Percy are heading a delegation from the Washington-based American-Arab Affairs Council, which earlier visited Jordan and will also go to Egypt.

Papandreou threatens to scrap bases talks

ATHENS (AP) — Premier Andreas Papandreou on Sunday threatened to cancel upcoming talks for a new American military bases agreement if the United States does not withdraw a charge that his government negotiated with terrorist organisations. Mr. Papandreou told reporters aboard his plane that he would shut down the four U.S. bases in Greece next year if no retraction is made. "There will be no bases talks and the bases will close in 1988 if the United States doesn't withdraw fully, officially and publicly these false and groundless accusations against our country," the premier said (See earlier story on page 2).

Velayati to visit Vienna next week

NICOSIA (AP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati will visit Vienna next week for talks with Austrian officials on expanding bilateral relations, Iran's official news agency reported Saturday. The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Mr. Velayati begins his talks in Vienna on Monday. He will be leading a delegation to the three-day official talks during which he will meet high-ranking Austrian officials. IRNA said.

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Qadhafi visiting Algeria

ALGIERS (AP) — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Qadhafi arrived in Algiers for a visit Sunday, less than two weeks after Libya called for a political merger between the two countries. Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, who greeted Col. Qadhafi on his arrival at the airport, immediately met with him at his Algiers residence, according to Algerian government sources. They said only that the discussions were of a political nature. Plans for Col. Qadhafi's visit were unannounced by Algerian officials, and it was not known how long he would stay. The official APS news agency gave a brief account of Col. Qadhafi's arrival in the beginning of the afternoon, saying he was accompanied by an important delegation. It was the third meeting in the past 18 months for the two leaders, who last met in December 1986, in Syria. The visit comes one week before Algeria is to celebrate its 25th anniversary of independence from France on July 5. Libya's number two leader, Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, ended a three-day official visit to Algeria on June 18 with a call for a full political merger. It was not immediately known whether Col. Qadhafi's visit was related to the Libyan unity proposal.

Arab farmer killed and six wounded in W. Bank land dispute

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A Palestinian farmer was shot dead and six people, including an Israeli soldier, were wounded Sunday when a fight over land broke out at a village in the occupied West Bank.

Israel Radio said the dispute was between Israeli land surveyors and Palestinians enraged by Israel's confiscation of Arab lands in the occupied territories.

The shooting occurred at the village of Abu Dihy just east of Bethlehem, eight kilometres south of Jerusalem.

The Israeli military commander of the area, named only as Colonel D., told reporters he believed the shooting began when several hundred Arab farmers began to stone an Israeli surveying party.

Two Palestinian lawyers who saw the clash told Reuters there was no stone-throwing and the shooting was unprovoked. They identified the dead man as Ahmad Atiyeh, 60, a father of 10. "You will see, the farmers will

the border police," Mr. Odeh said.

Another Palestinian lawyer, Abed Assali, said the dead man was hit in the groin while standing to the side on a patch of land he owned and was not involved in the dispute.

According to the two Palestinian lawyers and village residents, the land to be surveyed had been sold fraudulently to a private Israeli firm for the construction of a new settlement to be called Ramat Kidron.

The lawyers said two of four men wounded at the scene were relatives of the dead farmer — his brother Kayed Mahmoud Atiyeh, 45, and cousin Ata Atiyeh, 35.

The two others were Riad Ahmad Ali Khalifah, 20, and Yousef Hussein Djadlooh, 40.

Police stopped newsmen from interviewing them at a local hospital.

The lawyers said two other wounded men, Idris Ahmad Al Asqa, 45, and Ata Siemanna Hassan 25, were shot later at a petrol station by a brother of the Arab land dealer. There was a pool of blood next to the petrol pump.

Iraq reaffirms total support for Kuwait against Iranian threats

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — President Saddam Hussein of Iraq on Sunday reaffirmed his country's total support for Kuwait in confronting Iranian threats during a meeting with a visiting Kuwaiti official, Baghdad Radio reported.

Iraq has accused Kuwait of bias towards Iraq and in recent months has attacked commercial vessels and oil tankers sailing to and from Kuwait in the Gulf. Two such attacks were carried out on Saturday (See page 2).

Bahrain Radio said President Hussein received a message from Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah dealing with developments in the Gulf region and Iranian threats to Kuwait.

It said the written message was

Aziz Al Otaibi, quoted by the Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA), said Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah told the cabinet he had found "complete support ... at this delicate phase" during visits to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states.

Kuwait has announced it would send envoys to 20 Arab and Islamic countries to warn about growing dangers in the Gulf region. Mr. Ossami has already visited Syria and Jordan where he delivered similar letters to their leaders.

Meanwhile, the commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards navy warned America of "a bitter

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Explosion kills 3 U.S. soldiers and wounds 30 in W. Germany

HOHENFELS, West Germany (Agencies) — An explosion during a demolition exercise at a U.S. training ground Sunday killed three American soldiers and injured up to 30 others, West German and U.S. military authorities said.

A statement issued by the army's Fifth Corps in Frankfurt said three soldiers were killed and "approximately a dozen" others remained hospitalised, but did not say how many servicemen were actually injured in the blast.

West German police said up to 30 soldiers were injured.

"A training accident occurred at approximately 10 a.m. this morning at Hohenfels training area involving Fifth corps soldiers undergoing routine demolition training," the army statement said.

The accident occurred within a large training area, about 60 kilometres southeast of Nuremberg. The training ground spreads over 200 square kilometres.

A Regensburg police official said the explosion apparently took place during a training exercise with dynamite.

Police said they were alerted to the accident by residents who live near the training ground.

The residents reported hearing a loud explosion and saw ambulances and helicopters rush to the scene, according to police.

The Bavarian state police official said the accident did not involve a "chemical or a nuclear explosion" and said there was no danger to the local population.

Kohl to raise Mideast conference at EC summit

LUDWIGSHAFEN, West Germany (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Sunday he would call for a Middle East peace conference at a European Community (EC) summit beginning on Monday in Brussels.

Dr. Kohl told reporters after meeting Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that he "would support anything that would contribute to peace in the Middle East."

Speaking outside his home in the Rhineland city of Ludwigshafen, where the informal talks took place, Dr. Kohl said the conference should not come to any decisions but rather seek "to

create a framework where decisions can be made." He said he would raise the issue in Brussels, but did not elaborate. Mr. Peres said both he and Dr. Kohl both believed an opportunity for peace existed at present and "should not be allowed to slip away."

"Quite the opposite, every opportunity must be used to reach a situation where we can come together with parties involved in the conflict and negotiate a peaceful solution to end a long and costly conflict," he said.

Both leaders said the Soviet Union could play an important part in finding a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict.

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Signs grow of political settlement in S. Korea

SEOUL (Agencies) — The political opposition indicated Sunday it may accept a government plea to resume talks on ending massive political protests if President Chun Doo-Hwan makes key concessions.

Opposition officials said the government's call for talks on a political solution to end the nation-wide unrest was being considered. Top dissident leaders Kim Young-Sam and Kim Dae-Jung were to meet Monday.

No clashes were reported in Seoul on Sunday for the first time since the opposition launched a drive June 10 aimed at ousting Mr. Chun and forcing democratic elections. Reports indicated the rest of the country was also largely quiet.

Security forces remained on alert, and riot police stood guard at key intersections in the capital. Strollers took to the streets to enjoy the warm, sunny weather.

Opposition forces have said it

may be difficult to maintain the protests because of the approaching rainy season and the hot summer weather, which traditionally curb political activity. Universities also are closing for the summer, dispersing the students who have been at the forefront of the protests.

Many among South Korea's 10-million-member Christian community attended services to pray for peace and compromise to end the political turmoil.

Christians have played a key role in the drive against the government in this country of 40 million people.

Accounts differed widely on specific details of the proposed solution, but all spoke of Democratic Justice Party (DJP) plans to offer concessions far more radical than those on the table when the opposition staged a major and at times violent show of public support on Friday.

When the proposals are un-

veiled this week they may include a DJP promise to revise the constitution before President Chun Doo-Hwan leaves office to dissolve parliament and hold new elections.

A senior DJP member of parliament told Reuters that a package had been worked out but he gave no details, saying they should be discussed first with the opposition.

"We know that people want democracy," Hyun Hong-Ju said. "We have worked out measures to solve the current political problems and to respect the people's wishes."

Mr. Hyun said he was certain that electoral reform would be accomplished before a new president was chosen.

He added that if the opposition Democratic Justice Party (DJP) would not come to negotiations, "we will have to go directly to the people."

For its part, the RDP said

Sunday that it would discuss reforms with DJP head Roh Tae-Woo, Mr. Chun's chosen successor, if there was a promise of imminent constitutional reform.

RDP sources told Reuters on Sunday they thought the new DJP offers might come as early as Monday.

"If the offer is sincere enough for us to believe that the DJP will respect the people's wish for democracy, then we will talk," one source said.

None of the reported DJP proposals included an offer of direct presidential elections — the main opposition demand — but the reforms cited represent major movement over a short time.

Just one week ago Saturday, DJP proposals that Mr. Chun meet personally with Kim Young-Sam and that he free Kim Dae-Jung from house arrest both seemed extreme, yet both were accomplished during the week.

of the city's famous sites. They were accompanied by Turkish Foreign Minister Vahid Halefoglu and senior officials.

The King and Queen were received upon their arrival in Istanbul by the Sultan Ahmed Mosque and its museum. They also visited the Topkapi Palace where the national Turkish folklore troupe staged a performance in their honour.

The Turkish information media highlighted the King's visit to the cause of peace.

Turkey and expressed hope that it would contribute positively to Jordanian-Turkish relations. Most newspapers carried analysis of relations between the two countries and described the level of bilateral cooperation as strong and positive. They paid tribute to Jordan's distinguished role in the Middle East and its efforts for peace in the region, and praised the King's endeavours in the international and regional scenes in the cause of peace.

Nubian sandstone. The technique calls for sinking a shaft similar to mineshaft into the aquifer, from which horizontal boreholes or tunnels can be extended. The method facilitates drilling to depths greater than those reached by regular boreholes which go down several hundred metres. The width of the shaft makes it possible to install larger pumps than those used in the narrower, standard boreholes.

The depth and scale of the proposed scheme are controversial, partially because of the threatened depletion of wells serving Arab communities in the area. Water commission and Mekorot officials have urged the defence ministry to approve the scheme, on grounds that it is the best source of water for Jerusalem, and preferable to tapping aquifers.

The Moriah project will feature a new water-drilling technique to be used for the first time. It was developed by Dr. Avraham Melamed, an engineering consultant to Moriah, who first proposed it as a means of extracting water in the Negev from layers of

from all foreign occupation forces."

That was a reference to the Syrian army, which maintains 25,000 troops in northern and eastern Lebanon plus a 7,500-strong contingent in west Beirut, and Israel, which controls a self-styled "security zone" in South Lebanon.

A statement by the militia command criticised Mr. Gemayel for hesitating to form a new cabinet after Mr. Karame's assassination by a bomb explosion aboard a Lebanese army helicopter 28 days ago.

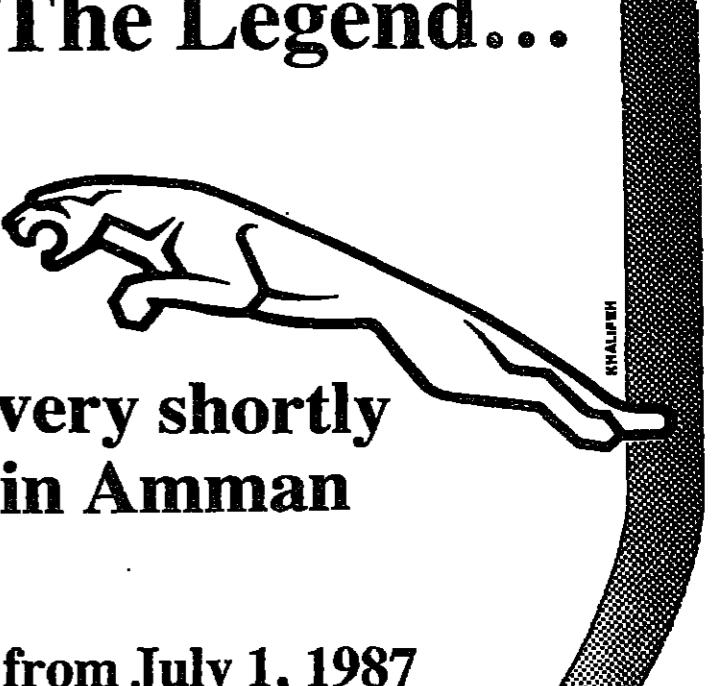
Like Mr. Junblatt, Mr. Karame was a staunch ally of Syria.

"This is a step toward partitioning Lebanon into sectarian mini-states under the pretence of liberation and independence," said the Damascus Radio commentary of the "Lebanese Forces" demand.

"Will Lebanon's nationalists allow those Israeli surrogates embark upon this dangerous adventure? Will they allow this fragment of the Lebanese lead the nation to a collective suicide?" the radio commentator said.

The Al Shams newspaper said Sunday Mr. Gemayel has renounced the Lebanese Forces call for the new government.

The Legend...



Damaged Norwegian tanker towed to Dubai

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The giant Norwegian tanker *Mia Margrethe*, crippled with three missiles fired by an Iranian gunboat, was towed to Bahrain Sunday enroute to Dubai to transfer its load of 100,000 tonnes of crude oil, maritime shipping agents reported.

Its first engineer, 28-year-old Storesand Egil of Burgan, Norway, was moved by a Saudi Arabian navy helicopter to the Jubail hospital Saturday for treatment of severe burns.

The 122,445-tonne *Mia Margrethe* and the 273,616-tonne Swedish-operated supertanker *Stena Concordia* were attacked early Saturday by the Iranians at locations 20 miles and 55 minutes apart off the Saudi coast.

The raids apparently were in retaliation for Iraqi attacks on two vessels in Iranian shipping lanes over the past week.

Both belligerents have raided foreign shipping during their 6½-year-old war. The United States said Friday it would send the battleship *Missouri* and three escorts into the Gulf next month to reinforce six U.S. warships now on patrol.

Engineer Egil of the 21-member Norwegian crew of the *Mia Margrethe* was "100 per cent out of danger and very much alive at the Jubail Hospital," said one shipping officer at the Ras Tanura-based Babbar Shipping Company, agents for the *Mia Margrethe*.

Egil is to be moved to a Riyadh hospital for treatment of burns in his face, hands, left ear and back, he said.

Three other crewmen with "minor injuries and a slight shock" were in good shape, said the officer who requested anonymity.

The officer said the Iranian

gunboats fired three small missiles straight into the *Mia Margrethe's* engine room and "Egil was trapped in the fire that broke out."

The tanker was about 100 kilometres east of Saudi Arabia and about 192 kilometres south of Kuwait's Al Ahmadi oil loading terminal at the time of the attack.

The *Mia Margrethe* captain, Osses Sverre of Aalesund, Norway, and his crewmen "risked their lives to pull Egil out of the inferno," said the officer. The Babbar Shipping chief Kari Bjørstad and his assistant C. Najib contacted the Saudi coastguard, navy and passing commercial vessels to help out the *Mia Margrethe*.

"There have been more than 300 attacks by Iran and Iraq on merchant shipping in the Gulf since May 1981, including ships wrecked by mines, in which about 200 people have been killed."

The latest Iraqi raids ended a 34-day missile attack that killed 37 American sailors aboard the USS *Stark*. Iraq apologized for the accidental attack and said the *Stark* was mistaken for an Iranian warship.

Despite the deadly attack on the *Stark*, the United States considered Iraq as the greater menace to Gulf commercial navigation.

Iraq has been raiding ships mainly in a 70-mile radius around Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal at the northern head of the Gulf. Iran attacks commercial shipping south of the Iraqi-declared war zone and concentrates on Kuwaiti shipping lines.

The *Mia Margrethe* will pro-

Stark ready for voyage home

By Philip Shehadi
Reuter

BAGHDAD — Young men breakdance to disco hits, families picnic on the grass and couples stroll by a lake in Baghdad's central park. Few notice the anti-aircraft gun rising from a mound of earth nearby.

The Iraqi capital has an outward air of normality despite nearly seven years of war. Few soldiers are seen on the streets other than troops guarding key government buildings.

The war lurks just beneath the surface — in a widow's grief, a family's shrinking income, a young man's dashed hopes.

Almost every family has lost a father, son or relative in the war against Iran — a war with casualties running into hundreds of thousands on both sides.

"This has turned into a protracted war," said Ihsan Al Hasan, a professor of sociology at the University of Baghdad. "We have to have a normal life in the towns and the fighting has to be restricted to the border."

Divisions are plenty in Baghdad, a city of four million people some 120 kilometres from the

battlefields. One foreign resident calls it "the city of 1001 night clubs."

In sharp contrast to the religious austerity of Iran, secular Iraq has a flourishing entertainment sector. Bars, restaurants and nightclubs line Abu Nawas Street along the Tigris River or downtown Saadoun Street.

On Fridays, the Muslim weekend, families flock to the zoo, men to the casino or horse racing track, the young to cinemas and discotheques.

The nightly war communiqué is read on the television news.

Checkpoints are sometimes set up to look draft dodgers. Volunteers from the ruling Baath Party go from house to house seeking donations for the war effort.

But direct signs of the war are few and far between — an amputee in the street or black flag on a mourner's home.

Debris from Iranian missile strikes earlier this year was quickly cleared. Tape across some cracked windows is the only reminder of the devastating "war of the cities" — months of tit-for-tat strikes on civilian targets.

Young Iraqis put on a brave face when asked about the war.

It is a national duty, we have no choice but to fight," said 18-year-old Assam, strolling with friends in the Al Zawra Park. He was to start military training the next day.

Hazem, a secondary school student, hoped to postpone his induction by studying electrical engineering at an institute. Students receive training in the summer but are exempt from full service.

"I would have liked to travel abroad, but now there is the war," he said.

Many Iraqis say the war is one of survival, a defence of both land and secular government.

The government has taken pains to lessen the war's economic and social effects by maintaining subsidies on basic commodities and granting gifts to decorated soldiers and the families of "martyrs" — usually one of the thousands of Volkswagen Passat or Toyota Crown cars seen on Iraqi roads.

Residents report chronic shortages of such items as paper goods, coffee beans and electrical appliances, particularly affecting the middle-class consumer.

One of the social side-effects of the war is greater status for women, who have taken over many civilian jobs from men who have had to go off and fight.

Greece denies contacts with guerrilla groups

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The government has denied a U.S. charge that Greek officials had negotiated with guerrilla organizations to ensure that no attacks would be staged in Greece.

Government spokesman Yiannis Roubatis said the allegations were made by U.S. Ambassador Robert Keeley in a meeting Thursday with Foreign Minister Carolos Papoulias.

The front-page story said Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabri Al Banna, was allowed to leave Greece "after having contacts with a top security official and with someone who carried out diplomatic missions without being a career diplomat."

The newspaper, following usual Greek media practice, didn't cite any specific sources for its story, referring only to corroborated information.

Abu Nidal's Palestinian supporters group has claimed responsibility for more than 100 attacks across Europe, Asia and the Middle East, including the December 1985 airport assaults in Rome and Vienna in which 16 people were killed.

The United States in its statement had condemned "Greece's reluctance to deal severely with guerrilla attacks." In 1985, a State Department travel advisory warned Americans to steer clear of Athens airport after a TWA jetliner was hijacked by gunmen who boarded there.

Nicaraguan team in Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A high-ranking Nicaraguan delegation headed by Carlos Nunes Tellez, president of the Nicaraguan Council of State, arrived in Tehran Sunday for talks with Iranian leaders, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

The agency, monitored in

Nicosia, said Mr. Tellez's visit was at the invitation of Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Mr. Tellez was quoted as saying at Tehran airport that the purpose of the visit was to strengthen relations between Iran and Nicaragua.

Israel sets standard university tuition fee

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli cabinet set a standard tuition fee for university students Sunday, reversing an earlier decision — condemned as racist — to charge Israeli Arabs higher fees than Jews who serve in the army.

Education Minister official Rina Naaman told Reuters the fee would be set at \$1,350. Under a proposal accepted last month, former soldiers would have paid \$1,050 and other students \$500 more.

Arabs, who make up 3,500 of the 60,000 students at government universities, boycotted classes and university presidents said they would refuse to charge Arab students more than Jews.

Israeli aircraft workers jeer ministers over Lavi

TEL AVIV (R) — Aircraft industry workers greeted cabinet ministers with jeers and catcalls Sunday as the government resumed debating the fate of Israel's expensive home-made Lavi fighter plane.

The aircraft, designed to give the Israeli air force an advanced fighter for the 1990s, has become the centre of fierce controversy.

An official report attacked the project for being approved without proper study. A cabinet decision is expected later this week.

Five thousand aircraft workers travelled from their plant at Ben Gurion Airport to Jerusalem, posting pickets at regular intervals along the 50-kilometre highway. In Jerusalem they demonstrated outside the prime minister's office where the government continued its debate on the plane's future.

The aircraft's price tag has rocketed to more than double the

Iranian envoy indicted in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A military prosecutor has accused an Iranian consulate official of working against Turkey's secular system, according to an indictment obtained by the Associated Press.

The indictment, prepared by Prosecutor Ulku Coskun, identified the official as Habibullah Shahshahani-Rashti, who works as a deputy consul in Iran's consulate in the eastern city of Erzurum.

In the indictment, Rashti was accused of mailing illegal publications to the Middle East University here. The indictment said Rashti provided the magazines, as well as the placing of bases in other parts of the region at their disposal, are announcements of U.S. intervention in the Persian Gulf and a declaration of war with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The radio quoted Alai as saying during a military ceremony that plans by the superpowers to escort ships in the Gulf were a pretext to enter the region and could not guarantee the security of the area.

BEIRUT (R) — A top Shiite Muslim cleric has spoken out against kidnappings but stopped short of a public call for the release of abducted U.S. newsman Charles Glass.

Sayyed Mohammad Husseini Fadlallah was reported in Lebanese papers Sunday as saying: "We have frequently said we are against the act of kidnapping an innocent person — foreign or otherwise, Christian or

Muslim."

Fadlallah is a spiritual mentor of pro-Iranian Shiite militants, suspected of holding some of the 29 foreigners missing and believed kidnapped in Lebanon.

Gummen believed to be Shiite militants seized Glass on June 17 with Ali Osseiran, the son of Lebanon's defense minister, and a police driver. The two Lebanese were released on June 24.

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19:00 News in French

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Chief-of-Staff visits Iraq

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Armed Forces Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant General Fathi Abu-Taleb visited the Iraqi Defence Ministry Sunday where he was received by his Iraqi counterpart, Lt.-Gen. Abu-Taleb and his accompanying military delegation were briefed by the Iraqi army chief-of-staff on the war with Iran. The briefing was attended by Jordan's ambassador in Baghdad, Helmi Al-Lawie.

Mufti to address press circle

AMMAN (J.T.) — Director General of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, Mrs. Inaam Al-Mufti, will be the guest speaker at the weekly press circle at the Intercontinental Hotel today. Mrs. Mufti will speak about the foundations challenges and prospects at the press session organised by the Press and Publication Department.

Man gets life for drug dealing

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Jamal Mohammad Naser Qassem to life imprisonment with hard labour and fined him JD 5,000 for dealing in drugs. The general military governor endorsed the sentence.

Insulation guidebook to be discussed

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) and the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) today leaves for Kuwait to discuss with officials at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research the final report on a draft guidebook for thermal insulation in Jordan. The guidebook, prepared and financed by the institute, provides guidelines for choosing insulation materials which suit building style and weather in Jordan.

Reagan seen recognising Syrian role

(Continued from page 1) plot to blow up an Israeli airliner flying from London.

A White House spokesman said U.S. officials had seen enough changes in Syria's attitude to suggest a dialogue might be productive, and he cited Syrian help "in terrorist activities."

The spokesman was apparently referring to Syrian efforts to free foreign hostages kidnapped in neighbouring Lebanon and its closure of the Damascus office of the Abu Nidal Palestinian guerrilla group.

Syria has already helped in the release of three Americans hostages and has been pressing militants to free U.S. journalist Charles Glass, abducted by gunmen on June 17.

"Syria will continue to press for the release of Glass and is exercising military and administrative pressure on all levels for this purpose," a senior Syrian official said.

Syria's state radio denounced the kidnapping of diplomats and journalists. Some 29 foreigners, including 10 Americans, are believed kidnapped in Lebanon.

One diplomat, said Mr. Reagan's overture "should be taken as recognition of Syria's influence and central role in the Middle East... and could also be



Public Security Department Assistant Director for Operations and Planning Maj.-Gen. Issa Omari Sunday congratulates one of the two citizens who cooperated with the police for apprehending a wanted man (Petra photo)

PSD honours good citizens

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department (PSD) honoured two Jordanians, Sunday for their cooperation with the police that led to the apprehension of their honourable act.

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Assistant Director for Operations and Planning Maj.-Gen. Issa Omari, who paid tribute to the citizens for their honourable act.

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AQABA (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh has opened an integrated health centre in Aqaba district. The centre, which is called Rahmeh Health Centre, has cost JD 150,000 according to Health Ministry sources. The centre will provide medical services to the inhabitants of Wadi Araba, the stretch of territory extending from the southern part of the Dead Sea and Aqaba. Following the opening ceremony the minister inspected Al Rishieh health centre and the Aqaba Health Department and heard from officials about the

need to improve medical services in the region.

The Health Ministry has announced that it is building 10 integrated health centres in the governorates of Amman and Irbid at the cost of JD 1.5 million.

The health centres, the announcement said, are needed to promote primary health care services in the Kingdom.

According to the announcement, a number of tenders will soon be announced for building the health centres in other governorates of the country.

Bangladesh minister ends visit

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf in Bangladesh, Maulana Manan, has concluded a visit to Jordan and left for home.

During the visit, he met with Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, minister of Awqaf and Islamic affairs, to discuss issues of common interest, and means of promoting bilateral cooperation in cultural and Islamic affairs.

The identity of the special U.S. emissary to be sent to Syria has not been disclosed, although officials hinted the choice was Vernon Walters, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and a former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Governor puts lid on taxis

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin announced Sunday that no more licences will be issued for opening taxi offices in the Greater Amman region, and no permits will

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Group reviews new fund to develop rural areas

AMMAN (Petra) — Under the chairmanship of Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan, a meeting was held Sunday to discuss steps to carry out the newly-established Regional Development Fund (RDF).

The RDF was established earlier this year to help implement the Jordanian 1986-1990 five-year national development plan.

According to Mr. Mohammad Saleh Al-Hourani, director general of the Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) which created the fund, those attending the meeting were members of a special committee entrusted by

the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment to supervise loans and credit offered by the CVDB.

The committee reviewed regulations which will govern in issuance of loans to finance development projects prior to final endorsement, Mr. Hourani said.

The projects in rural areas are needed to create job opportunities and help stem the migration of people from rural to the urban areas of Jordan, he said.

The projects have been initiated in the rural regions in the hopes of reversing migration from urban to rural regions, Mr. Hourani said.

Pilgrims begin the pilgrimage one week before the Eid Al Adha (Feast of Sacrifice) which is expected on Aug. 5.

\$10m PETRA project assists private sector development

AMMAN (J.T.) — "PETRA", named for Jordan's renowned archaeological site, is the acronym of the \$10 million "Private Enterprises Technical Resources Assistance" project. The programme, established in 1986 by the Ministry of Planning and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides direct assistance to Jordan's private sector to strengthen and broaden its participation in Jordan's economy, to improve the competitiveness of Jordanian products, and to create new job opportunities, according to a USIS press release.

PETRA is seeking proposals which promote exports, improve the quality of existing products, increase the technical and managerial capacities of Jordanian private sector firms, promote consumer awareness, develop new services, and increase the interaction between the government and the private sector in shaping economic and regulatory policy.

PETRA funds may be used for

a wide range of activities including feasibility studies, technical assistance, seminars, and specialized training.

Some commodity procurement may be eligible for PETRA funding if its availability is crucial to the success of a larger activity.

Projects which will benefit

national, regional, or industry-

wide goals are given preference over projects which aid individual firms.

Projects already funded by PETRA include a small-scale, low-technology tilapia fish farm in south Azraq, aiding the administrative development of a rug weaving project in Jabal Beni Hamida, and an urban planning effort in Salt to stimulate economic activity in the old town area while seeking to preserve the historic character of the city.

Business groups, non-profit organizations, privately-owned firms, and individual entrepreneurs are encouraged to submit proposals for PETRA funds.

PETRA grants are awarded on a cost-sharing basis with private sector participants.

The PETRA secretariat, composed of senior representatives from the public and private sectors, evaluates incoming proposals.

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An eye-opener for UNICEF

SHOCKING, revolting and disgusting. This is the only way to describe the news from Brussels that the UNICEF office in Belgium was involved in an international child pornography ring. The case, beyond its immediate ramifications, should serve as an eye-opener for the world organisation which was founded with the motto of offering care and protection to the world's children.

On our part, we can only hope that the Belgian affair was an isolated one. However, the paramount question remains that of whether the circumstances in Brussels had been similar to elsewhere in the Third World as to encourage and permit such crimes to be committed against our future generations.

On the surface, it would appear that they are not, since very few needy children of the Third World would make good appearances in photos or pictures similar to those involved in the Brussels case for the simple reason that most of them are undernourished and therefore unattractive to those perverts who enjoy child pornography. By the same token, it will also be evident that those children in the Third World are more in need of care and protection than their counterparts in the rich countries of Europe.

It is high time for UNICEF to reassess its priorities and evaluate its allocations and wisdom of maintaining expensive but almost non-functional offices and staff in Europe, where the number of needy children is almost negligible, thanks to already implemented programmes of UNICEF and government schemes as well as the high standards of living in developed countries.

Though we do not have precise figures, it seems a safe bet that only a tiny fraction of a UNICEF dollar spent in Europe ever reaches a European child because of the high administrative costs involved in that part of the world and whatever is channelled to the child is spent on superficialities most of the time.

On the other hand, the same tiny fraction of a dollar spent on a needy child in a Third World country could be the life-saver for the child. We are not necessarily advocating a total shutdown of UNICEF operations in Europe or that it should itself to serving the Third World, but the involvement of UNICEF officials in Belgium in a child pornography ring has only highlighted the facts on the ground and brought to the surface the obvious imbalance in the world organisation's distribution of resources and funds. We believe that the organisation should reexamine its allocations and priorities and do away with redundant operations wherever they exist, and thereby focus attention where it is most wanted.

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Al Ra'i: Shamir enforces the message

THE Arabs do not need further Israeli statements in order to understand the real intentions of the Zionist leaders nor do they require more explanation of the current Israeli expansionist plans in the occupied territory. Yitzhak Shamir's statements on the Gaza Strip and his announcement that it will remain an Israeli land do not bring a novelty to the Arabs nor do they reveal a new trend in Israel's racist thinking. Shamir continues to reject the idea of an international Middle East peace conference and insists on direct negotiations with individual Arab states and separate peace treaties with each one of them. By adopting this intransigent stand, Shamir is clearly telling the Arabs and the whole world that Israel does not want a settlement based on justice and does not accept peace that would provide for any Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territory. Shamir represents a racist state whose policies are based on arrogance and on the belief in the imposition of hegemony on others through the force of arms, and through subjugation. But the Gaza Strip, like all parts of the occupied Arab territory would not be occupied by force for ever, and therefore Shamir's statement will remain an empty slogan and a dream for the Zionists despite their present occupation of Arab land and despite the injustice that now prevails. History is bound with instances about empires that rose with the sword only to decline and fall in the face of the will of subdued nations that suffered for long from injustices and from tyranny.

Al Dustour: Enlisting Turkey's good office

KING Hussein addressed a banquet in his honour in Ankara expressing Jordan's appreciation for Turkey's efforts to help find an equitable solution to the Middle East problem. He said such endeavour can be carried out at an international conference that should be attended by U.N. Security Council members so that guarantees can be given for the implementation of council resolutions 338 and 342. The King did not fail to note that Turkey has been exerting efforts to end the Gulf conflict and arriving at a peaceful settlement in the Gulf. The King pointed to Turkey's remarkable position within the Middle East and also its strong relations with the Arab countries, qualifying it to play a leading role in ending the Gulf war and help build up a lasting peace based on justice. Both Jordan and Turkey believe in justice and in peace, and this has prompted them to launch close cooperation and maintain consultations on all issues of common interest to Jordan and Turkey and their people. Jordan deeply appreciates Turkey's contributions through the Organisation of Islamic Conference to serve the Islamic nation, and to bring about peace among Islamic countries.

Sawt Al Shabab: Water flows westwards

ONCE again the light is focussed on Israel's attempts to steal Arab water resources for the sake of building settlements on confiscated Arab territory. Latest reports indicate that American companies have drilled artesian wells near the occupied town of Bethlehem and are awaiting Israeli government approval for selling the water to Israeli companies and the war ministry which can use it to build military settlements. The Israelis who occupy Arab land are continuing to exploit Arab water resources for consolidating their hold on Arab territory and perpetuating their occupation. As they do that they deprive the Arab inhabitants of water necessary for their crops, the main source of their sustenance. The Israelis have been exploiting Arab water ever since they started their occupation of Palestine; and their 1982 invasion of Lebanon was designed to occupy the water resources in the north and so strengthen what it calls the security zone around the Jewish state. The water resources within the areas under Israeli occupation in Lebanon are being exploited to feed Israeli settlements and strengthen Israel's economy.

Soviet glasnost: Time for system reforms

By Dr. Waleed Sadi

MUCH limelight, both journalistic and intellectual, has been accorded to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's vision of *glasnost* which he had launched with vigor and zeal since assuming power. While in actual terms "*glasnost*" means openness, it could also mean a new Soviet corrective revolution in its figurative sense and historical symbolism. And in the final analysis Gorbachev's *glasnost* initiative could very well go down in contemporary history as the equivalent, in significance and dimension, to the Lutheran reform movement which had heralded the reformation epoch and the enlightenment age in Europe back in the early sixteenth century.

Although much credit has been awarded to Mikhail Gorbachev for the recent reformist shock waves which have hit the inner political, ideological and economic space of the Soviet, it would be more correct to award credit to the ever-changing circumstances and conditions within the Soviet Union and its people. The environment in the Soviet Union, both political, economic as well as intellectual, has certainly changed considerably over the past few decades and has transformed the Soviet Union, country and people, into a different society which made reformation inevitable. The big surprise in this context does not lie in the fact that Mr. Gorbachev has emerged as the historical instrument and the Soviet catalyst for affecting these far-reaching changes, but rather in the fact that it took so long for the contemporary Soviet messiah to

appear on the Soviet stage and begin the big crusade for transformation and evolution. There is no doubt that the Soviet Union, government and people, was overripe for change. Status quo was a colossal and formidable barrier which necessitated mighty determination and political, doctrinal and intellectual will to pierce through it and let the currents of positive evolution run through it in an orderly and systematic manner.

When the Communist revolution succeeded in assuming power in Russia back in the first quarter of this century, it was estimated by knowledgeable political scientists and learned theoreticians on both sides of the Atlantic that Russia was essentially and deep rootedly a "traditional" society which was no less than fifty years behind the West. To transform a basically traditional country as Russia was at the advent of the Communist revolution into a modern post-hi-technology country was indeed a big order not even a Communist revolution was capable of accomplishing. The fact that the Communist ideology assumed the status and role of "state religion" with no built-in mechanisms for evolutionary changes and periodic reformation made it in the final analysis an obstacle for real and positive evolutionary development rather than an instrument and catalyst for progress.

When the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev finally took the bull

by the horns and boldly told a group of eminent writers in a private meeting last summer that the Soviet Union was ripe for change, his assessment, as courageous as it was, was nevertheless an understatement of the full and complete story of the modern Soviet Union. In fact, the Soviet Union, country and people, was ripe for change for years. Still, General-Secretary Gorbachev has emerged as the great communicator, both domestically and internationally. He is now offering breakthroughs in every field and on every front. He also made it clear recently that he needs the intelligentsia in the Soviet Union to serve as a counter-weight to the existing Soviet conservative bureaucracy. He also made it amply clear to his people that the positive and creative contributions of the Soviet intellectuals must be allowed to take part in shaping the policies and direction of the Soviet Union if that country ever wants to catch up with the West. Perhaps the moral of the Gorbachev message to his country and to the world could be the following proposition: The threshold for tolerating, accepting and even nurturing positive criticism, made in good faith, must be expanded, promoted and protected.

In effect, what Gorbachev has unleashed in his vast country is irreversible and his country would no longer look the same hence forward. The Soviet ship is on a new course which, Gorbachev "coming of age" in the Soviet Union, has chartered.

Hart plans return to political stage

By Michael White

WASHINGTON — Gary Hart has decided to return to public life just six weeks after his dramatic fall — not to revive his presidential aspirations, but to publicise the causes he espouses.

Mr. Hart has given no formal interviews since his affair with a model, Donna Rice, ended his front-runner status for the 1988 presidential campaign. But reports from what remains of the Hart office in Denver, Colorado, and a "business" trip last week to consult image-moulders in Los Angeles, suggest that he is seeking new audiences for his views on economic reform, education, and foreign policy.

Aides claim this as proof of the former Senator's commitment to the public good. Sceptics suggest it is further proof that he is no longer a potential president. Miss Rice emerged from a television interview with Barbara Walters recently as a rather sweet, but decidedly innocent young woman who refused to answer the central question about her relationship with a public figure. She was not angry with Mr. Hart and she had not heard from him. "Any communication would be misconstrued," she said.

Mr. Hart, a less sympathetic figure, might have a tougher time on television and among his old political colleagues. The New York Times has withdrawn its questionnaire asking candidates directly about marital lapses, but not before rumours about many of them including the Vice-President Mr. George Bush, denied by his son, had percolated into print.

While Mr. Hart, his family and friends, lick their political wounds, the '88 show moves on.

Seven Democrats and six Republicans are in the most open field for years. Mr. Bush's long-predicted bid to assert his independence from the Reagan White House without forfeiting the loyalty vote is still awaited. His closest Republican rival, Senator Bob Dole, is urging mid-western states, including his native Kansas, to put together their own early super-primary to offset rival strength in the south and north east.

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Overwhelmed with emotion, Willy Brandt sits during an eight minute standing ovation after handing the leadership of the SPD to Hans-Jochen Vogel (left). Vogel shakes hands with his deputy Johannes Rau (right), while his second deputy Lafontaine (centre) looks on. (Photo by Sven Simon — DaD)

Willy Brandt bids farewell to his party

After 23 years, the charismatic leader of West Germany's Social Democratic Party has handed the reins over to his successor. David Marsh describes his emotional leaving.

BONN — Willy Brandt, a 73-year-old amalgam of strength and self-doubt whose life has mirrored the vicissitudes of West Germany, has now bade an emotional goodbye to the Social Democratic Party (SPD) he led in both victory and defeat.

His rambling speech of nearly two hours at the party's exceptional one-day conference in Bonn represented the political testament of a man who has arguably done more than any other living West German to bring the country to terms with its uneasy past.

The long dissertation, peppered with shadowy, probing and ironical asides lightened by the odd, often self-mocking, jibe, marked the end of Mr. Brandt's 23-year-old reign as chairman of the party which has been in opposition for more than four-and-a-half years.

He will remain honorary chairman, however, while his successor, the solid but lacklustre Hans-Jochen Vogel, slogs on. The speech was both a look back into history and an effort to give new philosophical drive to a party

which, beaten in the January general election and suffering from severe internal strife and indecisiveness, is starting to become resigned to a long period in the political wilderness.

Declaring that, whenever in doubt, Social Democrats should always fight "for Liberty" Mr. Brandt sketched out a vision of an SPD which would stand out for social justice and peace against "the German leaning towards concentration of power."

He warned that "the state must not want to do and regulate everything."

Mr. Brandt twice used the word "Fatherland" to express new-found pride in the divided and wounded country from which he fled in 1933 as a young socialist to escape the Nazi regime.

Evoking the SPD's warnings in 1932 about the rise of the Nazis, Mr. Brandt set down firmly his

belief that the party — for instance in its present opposition to nuclear power — must run the risk of sounding unpopular.

"We must not gear our programme to what people want to hear" he said.

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Siberian doctor treats bone ailments with unorthodox method

By Mark J. Pomicansky
The Associated Press

centimetres.
Doctors in Italy have also used Ilizarov's methods, but details of his work only became widely known in the West in the past decade.

"We have only had recent exposure to the Ilizarov technique," said Dr. James H. Beatty, an orthopaedic surgeon at the Campbell clinic in Memphis, Tennessee and associate professor at the University of Tennessee.

"But thousands of people come every year. Others are willing to wait a decade for the bone-lengthening device, reminiscent of a child's construction set, that Ilizarov started developing more than 30 years ago."

Ilizarov, the son of illiterate peasants, remains a controversial figure in Soviet medical circles and his techniques has only recently become known in the West. But his methods are generating great interest among orthopaedic surgeons weary of the complications caused by longstanding techniques used to make bones grow.

"We can make bones grow together without operations," Ilizarov told reporters who visited his clinic recently on a trip organised by the Soviet foreign ministry. Kurgan is a city of 300,000 on the steppe just east of the Ural mountains, and east of Moscow.

"We can regulate growth, we can start growth, we can increase its tempo, slow it down or stop it altogether." Ilizarov claims to have made some deformed and shrunken legs grow as much as 30

centimetres. Doctors in Italy have also used Ilizarov's methods, but details of his work only became widely known in the West in the past decade.

"We have only had recent exposure to the Ilizarov technique," said Dr. James H. Beatty, an orthopaedic surgeon at the Campbell clinic in Memphis, Tennessee and associate professor at the University of Tennessee.

"But thousands of people come every year. Others are willing to wait a decade for the bone-lengthening device, reminiscent of a child's construction set, that Ilizarov started developing more than 30 years ago."

Ilizarov, the son of illiterate peasants, remains a controversial figure in Soviet medical circles and his techniques has only recently become known in the West. But his methods are generating great interest among orthopaedic surgeons weary of the complications caused by longstanding techniques used to make bones grow.

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centimetres. You can make up different devices," he said. "But the device is not everything. The most important part ... is the method."

Traditional techniques to lengthen bones shortened by birth or in accidents rely on surgical grafts in the middle of the bone to make it grow. With Ilizarov's technique, the emphasis is on the upper or lower third of the bone. With the patient under anesthesia, Ilizarov surgically divides the bone.

Using a special drill, he cuts through skin and muscle to insert pins, 1.5 millimetres in diameter, at each end. The pins are attached to exterior rings that are connected by rods.

The exterior rings and rods both stabilise the bone and help it grow. As the body naturally generates new bone to fill in the surgically created gap, the rods are lengthened to pull the pins, and thus the two ends of the bone, farther apart. The bone can be lengthened 1.6 centimetres each day with the device, and the method requires a lot of physical therapy to allow the joints and muscles to function as they are growing.

Ilizarov, 66, developed the system of metal pins, rings and rods when he was a young rural doctor, using it for the first time in 1951. Since then his state-supported practice has grown to encompass a 50-million-ruble (\$75-million) clinic in Kurgan.

"Essentially, just as in a child's construction set, you can use the

what mother nature would do," Beatty said.

While other devices can be adapted to the technique, Beatty said, Ilizarov has developed very small pins that allow it to be used at the ends of the bone.

Ilizarov said there are more than 600 ways of bolting the parts, depending on the affliction to be treated. The cure can take anywhere from a few weeks to years, depending on the severity of the problem.

Initial results with Ilizarov's methods have been good, Beatty said, but doctors in the West have little experience with it. If they prove beneficial, they could rekindle interest in helping those who have shortened limbs.

"There is a renewed interest in limb lengthening because we hope the Ilizarov technique will reduce the complication rate," Beatty said. He said Ilizarov is due to visit the United States twice this year to present his methods.

Ilizarov is critical of the normal method of mending badly broken bones with steel pins and immobilising them with casts. The operation is much more difficult, and the amount of metal used inside the body inhibits blood circulation and healing, he said.

Asked about the failure rate of his method, the doctor said he is usually successful and would not give examples or specific figures

on failures. He told of his successes with a slide show and did not present to reporters any patients who had completed treatment.

About 1,500 people work at the clinic, including biologists, physiologists and engineers.

Margarita Goshimova, a 47-year-old Murmansk woman, was nearing the end of four months of treatment for a knee damaged by a tuberculosis infection 35 years ago. The apparatus was to be taken off the day after reporters visited.

She said she knew after 33 years her muscles would be weak and in need of long rehabilitation.

"I had cherished the dream of having this done," she said. "I read a lot about medicine and quite by chance I learned about this place." She wrote to Ilizarov and then waited several years to be admitted.

Ilizarov has won the backing of the Soviet government and wide recognition among citizens, but an uncertain status within the medical community.

His clinic, which can treat 800 in-patients and 200 out-patients at a time, is government-funded and free of charge. There currently are about 70 foreign patients.

His methods are used in clinics throughout the country and he supplies equipment to 60 countries.

The apparatus is being produced under license in Italy.

But Ilizarov, one of the country's most famous doctors, was rejected for membership in the prestigious Academy of Medical Sciences early this year. The rejection was criticised in several articles, and Soviet sources speaking on condition of anonymity said it caused a scandal that led to the replacement of long-time academy president Nikolai Blokhin several months later.

Ilizarov said the rejection reflected some scientists' refusal to accept new ideas. "They just don't want to spoil their uniform background," he said.

Ilizarov, born in the Caucasus village of Kusari, said he was the oldest of six children. He attended school for the first time when he was 11 years old, and graduated from a Crimean medical institute that had been evacuated to Kazakhstan during World War II.

In 1965, fourteen years after he developed and used his first device, Ilizarov's method was accepted by the ministry of health of the Russian Republic.

His success began then, and Ilizarov says he has since been invited to work in Moscow many times. However, he said, "I've already gotten accustomed to this place and I believe this is just as good as anywhere."

Auction shows extremes of wealth, poverty in Egypt

By Kate Dourian
Reuter

French style, that foreigners have dubbed "Louis Farouk" after Egypt's late playboy king and Louis XIV, XV and XVI of France.

"The more gold it is, the happier they are. The more Louis Farouk it is, the more they like it," says Amy Ma'atouk, a painter who herself buys antiques.

Abdul Aziz refers to Cairo as a "little Paris" because its auctions are modelled after those in France. At Cairo's auctions, bids are announced in Arabic then in French before the gavel comes down.

At one recent event, the Osiris auction hall in central Cairo was crammed with numbered items. Rich and poor Egyptians brushed shoulders in common pursuit of the great bargain.

But, said Abdul Aziz, a good buy is difficult if the women who regularly bid against each other for sport are present.

"I have had some items which sold for more than 100 per cent above their value because these women outbid each other," he said.

Ma'atouk says many of the bejewelled women seen at Cairo auction halls buy for daughters about to be married, in line with local custom that the bride, not the groom, must provide furnishings and household trappings.

Other treasures also go for sale. A 1929 Ford in mint condition, one of a cluster of vintage cars which survived the Nasser era, recently went under the hammer for the equivalent of \$8,713 — a fraction of what it would probably have fetched in Europe or the United States.

Cairo auctions usually last three days, with one day set aside for low-price junk sales that enables the auctioneers to sell off a large number of items.

Occasionally, a group of auctioneers with surplus material to sell will rent an abandoned villa and display their wares in its empty room.

Recently in a once-fashionable district of Cairo, a gaudy obelisk was spotted making its third appearance.

The big stuffed bear with its arms outstretched, apparently as umbrella-hangers, is an item which even Cairo's glibbiest auctioneers had been unable to offload.

Tempting bacteria to eat plastic bags

bags doled out to customers in stores almost everywhere.

Many critics argue that plastic bags use too much raw material and take too much energy to manufacture.

They usually forget that plastic bags save money at the other end of the garbage cycle: In the incinerator.

The milk bottle, which has a life expectancy equivalent to that of about 40 milk cartons or sachets, is already earning some packaging manufacturers good money.

Some consumers feel plastic is the root of all evil in modern packaging. Thirty per cent of packaging in the Federal Republic of Germany is based on synthetic materials.

The industry disagrees. It will hear nothing of wholesale condemnation of the ubiquitous plastic

their home. That, he argues, is too long.

If his plans work the new generation of plastic bags will start to be digested by bacteria in 15 weeks. The plastic includes an admixture of bait: Substances that tempt the bacteria to take a nibble. But the new bags are still experimental.

The packaging industry, the twelfth-largest in the Federal Republic, is interested in both product development and consumer behaviour.

A consumer behaviour report commissioned by French manufacturers forecasts even keener consumer interest in a wider range of fresh fruit and vegetables, exotic produce and dietary foods.

Packagers see this as an opportunity and a challenge. Overseas delicacies will need to be expensively and attractively packed and presented.

Yet packaging is more than mere window-dressing. Over half the Third World's food stocks are said to perish because of inadequate packaging (or none at all).

Amid the emphasis on market opportunities there was even limited scope for art, with one exhibitor featuring art on corrugated cardboard.

To symbolise the creativity of his firm, which manufactures corrugated cardboard, he commissioned a cardboard work of art from Wolf Vostell.

Vostell, whose automobile sculpture can be seen on Kurfürstendamm in Berlin, produced an *Autobetonbrunnen*, or automobile-concrete-spring, made entirely of cardboard — Saarbrücken Zeitung.

Tokyo moves to open up the skies

Japan is opening its congested airports to more international carriers and urging increased domestic competition. The shake-up in the clouds is reported by Peter Bruce.

TOKYO — British Caledonian threw a big party in Tokyo recently to celebrate the start of its first, and non-stop, service from London to the Japanese capital. Sir Adam Thomson, Caledonian's chairman, was there and much to the delight and bemusement of his Japanese guests, brought along a haggis, some good scotch, and a pipe band.

But for all the fanfare, Britain's second international airline was toasting a commonplace place in Tokyo. Japan is opening up its congested airports to more and more international carriers and the government has rewritten domestic schedules in an effort to encourage domestic competition.

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whose cost structure sets the tone for domestic fares. The government has been trying to encourage airlines to get around its own set fares by offering special deals, but officials say that until JAL rationalises, and gets its own costs down, lower fares across-the-board in Japan will be difficult to approve.

The domestic routes are also being transformed. Since last July, JAL has been operating in competition with ANA and sometimes TDA on five new domestic routes previously closed to it. TDA, once the baby of the trio, is moving up to more domestic trunk routes and, like ANA before it, into international charters.

By the end of April 1985, Japan and the U.S. had agreed to open three new routes each way. By the end of that year a government-appointed council for transport policy in Tokyo had called for more competition among Japanese airlines, the privatisation of JAL and the liberalisation of fares.

JAL got only one of the new

routes — Tokyo to Atlanta — while Tokyo to Washington D.C. and to Los Angeles went to ANA. In the last three months, in return, Delta Airlines has begun Tokyo runs from Portland and American from Dallas. Federal Express is thought likely to take the third U.S. option, with a par

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Christie wins men's 200 m race in European Cup finals

PRAGUE (R) — Britain's Linford Christie recorded a sprint double in the European Cup athletics final Sunday when he beat the East European challenge to win the men's 200 metres.

As in Saturday's 100 metres, Christie, who clocked 20.63 seconds, finished ahead of East German Steffen Bringmann, with Andrei Fedorov of the Soviet Union in third place.

On Sunday the Briton showed how effective he had become at 200 metres after failing to reach the final in last year's European Championships in Stuttgart where he won the 100 metres gold.

In more fine sprinting, Silke Gladisch of East Germany got under 22 seconds for the first time in her career in the women's 200 metres. Her time of 21.99 seconds gave the East German women's team their ninth win in 11 events.

East German hurdler Cornelia

Oschkenat inflicted a rare defeat over European champion and world record holder Yordanka Donkova of Bulgaria.

Oschkenat clocked 12.47 seconds in the 100 metres hurdles, beating the Bulgarian by 0.06 seconds.

There were two further British wins in the women's 1,500 metres and the men's 800 metres. Kirsty Wade put in a blistering burst off the final bend to beat Saturday's 800 metres winner Tatyana Samolenko of the Soviet Union.

In the men's 800 metres Tom

McKean moved up on leader Donato Sabio's shoulder out of the last bend and put in a final sprint the Italian could not match to win in one minute 45.96 seconds.

A.C. Milan strengthens overall lead in Mundialito

MILAN, Italy (AP) — A.C. Milan strengthened its overall lead to five points out of three matches although it was held to a scoreless draw by crosstown rival Internazionale in the fourth round of the "Mundialito" soccer tournament for clubs Saturday night.

In a previous match European champion Porto of Portugal and Spain's Barcelona played to a 1-1 tie and both moved into third place with three points.

Inter completed its four matches in the five-team, round-robin competition at four points, thus of contention for overall victory.

The winner of a \$100,000 first prize will be decided by the fifth and final match Monday night. It will face Barcelona, and

will only need a draw for winning the tournament. Porto will play France's Paris Saint Germain, which is lagging last in the standings with a single point in three matches.

About 65,000 fans, who yielded gate takings of nearly one billion lire (\$800,000), warmly supported the two Italian teams at Milan's Meazza Stadium in a clear, warm night. However the match was dull, mostly played at midfield, with few opportunities for scoring.

Claudio Borghi, the Argentine centreforward of Milan, suffered an ankle contusion during the second half and was carried away on a stretcher. Milan officials later said Borghi's injury was not serious.

Players generally in favour of Olympic tennis

LONDON (R) — The decision to allow the world's top players to compete in the 1988 Olympic Tennis Tournament has been greeted with a mixture of delight and scepticism by players at Wimbledon this week.

American Tim Mayotte, the championships' 10th seed, expressed unreserved approval of the decision announced by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) last month.

"I'd definitely like to play in the Olympics and I'm excited about going," Mayotte said. "It's important, a novel experience for tennis players."

"When I started playing tennis, there was no hope of being involved in something that large. And it will be interesting to see how prestigious a gold medal in tennis will be."

While many others have expressed similar pleasure this week over the idea of playing in the Seoul Olympics, notes of caution have been sounded.

Mats Wilander of Sweden, the third seed, said: "I would like to

McKean was almost unknown when he won the 800 metres at the last European Cup in Moscow two years ago but confirmed he had arrived with a silver medal behind Sebastian Coe in a British medals sweep at last year's European Championships.

Another European silver medalist Francesco Panetta of Italy won a typical front-runner's race in the 3,000 metres steeplechase, opening a 50-metres gap with two laps to go.

But unlike last year when he could not hold on to an even bigger lead in the Stuttgart final, he produced a fast last lap and set the world's best time this year of eight minutes 13.56 seconds, leaving the rest of the field more than seven seconds adrift.

After 13 events the East German men held a 4.5 point lead over the Soviet Union. In the women's event East Germany were virtually assured of the title.

Graf prefers centre court to centrefield

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Saying she prefers centre court to the centerfold, West German teen-ager Steffi Graf has rejected an offer to pose nude for a magazine pictorial.

"I really laughed about it. I was surprised that someone could get the idea to even think about it," Graf said Sunday. "It's ridiculous, strange."

Graf, ranked number 2 in the world and the winner of 42 matches in a row, has advanced to the fourth round at Wimbledon. She beat Laura Gildemeister of Peru 6-2, 6-1 on Saturday.

A mass-circulation newspaper in West Germany, Bild, reported that the 18-year-old tennis star had been offered \$270,000 to pose nude for the German-language edition of Penthouse Magazine.

Graf... the bewildered

It quoted Peter Graf, her father, as saying the proposal had given the family a good laugh but was immediately rejected.

Carlo Frey, the magazine's publisher, said the whole world would be interested in the photos.

"I really think the Olympics should be the pinnacle of the sport, and that's absolutely true for track and field and swimming and the other great Olympic events," he said.

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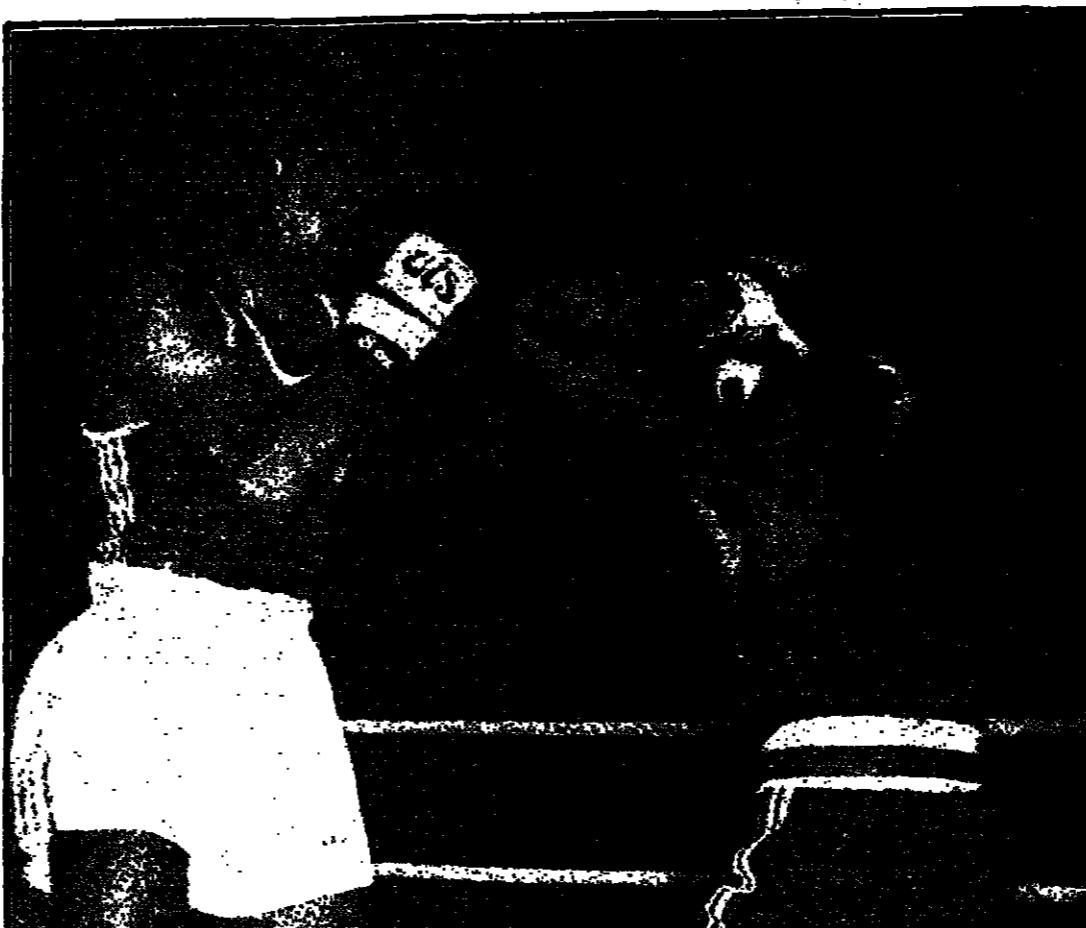
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'GLOVE KISS': Two boxers engage in a fight Sunday at the end of the 4th Arab Boxing Championships. Iraq led the nine Arab nations, which participated in the tourney, winning five gold medals. Tunisia came second and Syria ranked third (Photo by Yousef Al 'Aban)

Swede records best high jump of the year

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) — Swedish high jumper Patrik Sjoberg cleared 2.39 metres (7 feet, 10 inches) for the best leap of the year outdoors in winning the event at the European B Track and Field Cup final on Saturday.

Sjoberg, an Olympic silver medalist in the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles, later made three unsuccessful tries at a world record height of 2.42 metres. He missed his first two attempts badly, but came close on his third and final try.

Igor Paklin of the Soviet Union holds the outdoor record at 2.41 metres.

Sjoberg, whose previous personal best was 2.38, Kuan Earl improved Cuban Javier Soto mayor's seasonal best outdoors by two centimetres on his second attempt. His winning height on Saturday was a national and Nordic record.

Egypt beats Kenya in 1st round soccer qualifier

CAIRO (R) — Striker Mohamed Ramadan hit a hat-trick as Egypt made a bold start to their campaign for a place in next year's Olympic Soccer Tournament by beating Kenya 4-0 in a first leg first round qualifier Saturday.

Supported by 30,000 fans, Egypt went on the attack from the start and came close several times most notably when they hit the bar before star striker Ramadan opened the scoring with a header in the 30th minute.

The Kenyans, playing a defen-

sive game most of the first half, tried to press but were overpowered by repeated attacks in the second half as Egypt, holders of the African Nations' Cup, swept to an easy victory.

Gamal Abdel-Halim scored the second goal with a strong shot 15 minutes after the interval. In the 57th minute, Ramadan received a long cross behind the defence and made it 3-0.

Only three minutes later, he headed in again to score his hat-trick.

S. Korean Chang retains WBC title

SEOUL (R) — Chang Jung-Koo of South Korea blitzed Colombia's Augustin Garcia with a brilliant display of non-stop power to retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-flyweight title Sunday night in Inchon.

U.S. referee Carlos Padilla stopped the bout midway through the 10th round of the scheduled 12-round after Garcia crumbled to the canvas for the fourth time.

The victory by Chang, 24, came in his 13th defence of the title he took from Hilario Zapata of Panama in March, 1983, and equalled the Asian record for successful world title defences set by former World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight champion

Yoko Kushiken of Japan. Chang, much faster on his feet and weaving and bobbing constantly, kept Garcia at bay with his non-stop blows to the head and body and at no time looked in danger.

The first knockout came in the seventh round when Chang unleashed a swift right to the challenger's chin.

Real Sociedad clinches Spanish title for 1st time

ZARAGOZA, Spain (R) — named Saturday to succeed Vicente Calderon who died last March.

The San Sebastian side dominated much of the match and looked like winning within 90 minutes until Atletico's Juan Rubio conjured up a 74th minute equalizer.

Atletico, a disappointing seventh in the championship this season, could only console themselves with hopes for next season under new president Jesus Gil.

The heat was on at the Zaragoza stadium — at 34 degrees centigrade — but it took the fire out of extra time.

Champion Lawson wins rain-hit Dutch Grand Prix

ASSEN, Netherlands (R) — Champion Eddie Lawson won with a best aggregate time despite twice finishing second.

It was the American's second victory this season, following his triumph at the West German Grand Prix in May, and ended a run of ill luck at Assen where he crashed both last year and in 1985.

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Weekly Financial Report

By Fouad Battah

AMMAN — Last week the U.S. dollar moved higher due to more short covering from the major European and American banks and financial companies. The dollar traded in a wide range of 0.341-0.348 fils on the Jordanian dinar.

The main reason for this upward movement for the dollar were some rumours from dealers that the Venice summit had agreed between the leaders that the U.S. dollar should stabilise at these levels and that any try to take the dollar down will meet some intervention from the central banks to push it back higher.

Charts still indicate that the U.S. dollar could move somewhat lower this week so that dealers will try to check the central banks intervention and because the dollar is in an overbought situation.

The expected dollar range for this week is 0.337-0.349 fils.

The pound sterling moved higher because of the higher North Sea oil price. The pound traded between 0.545-0.555 fils. The D.M./S.F. moved lower due to the strong dollar.

The D.M. traded between 0.1825-0.1850 fils and the S.F. traded between 0.215-0.222 fils.

The Austrian shilling traded between 0.247-0.252 fils.

The Lebanese lira moved to record lows against the dollar because of the still bad political situation in Lebanon. The lira traded between 420-400 L.L./JD.

The Syrian lira traded between 100-95 S.L./JD, the Kuwaiti dinar traded between 1.200-JD 1.210, the Egyptian pound between 0.165-0.175 fils and the Iraqi dinar between 0.250-0.260.

Metallics which traded lower due to heavy selling from the Russians, broke the support lines to the charts. Gold fell to a low of \$434 on ounce from a high of \$445 an ounce.

Silver fell from a high of \$7.20 to \$6.60 an ounce.

Gold and silver seem to be preparing for an upward move this week because lots of brokers and banks are still short of the metals and this will stimulate them to cover their positions from these levels.

Gold prices in Amman based on the daily bulletin from the Jordan Jewellery Store are as follows:

Gold per gramme 21 carats JD 4.100-4.000
Gold per gramme 18 carats JD 4.000-3.900

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Morning brings a good opportunity to analyze your goals for new angles of attainment. Support from influential persons helps you put your plans into motion.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) An elderly person with a different background can give you good advice. Be ready for a trip to see a friend.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) More work on a plan to cheer up your mate may be needed. Put your business affairs in order, and make needed changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A senior partner improves your public image. Revise your promises, but only if necessary.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Enthusiasm in activities aids your success today. An important friend of a friend can give good advice.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Focus on recreation and happiness in your life. Involve your mate in your plans more, and introduce him or her around.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Involve your family in a home improvement project. Better communication with your mate will result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Meet with friends to be more productive in business. Handle your communications this evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Organize finances with your family this morning. Cooperation with fellow workers will build efficiency.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Handle correspondence carefully and be appreciative in your answers. New ideas are useful tonight.

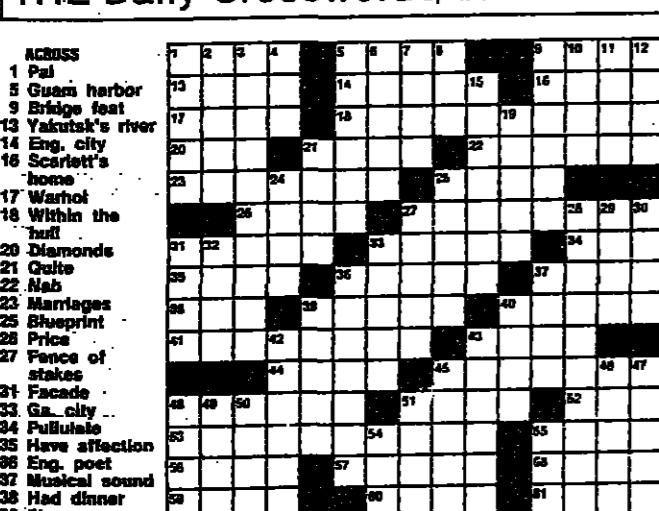
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Modernize your home physically and financially. Invite friends in for dinner, and all will enjoy themselves.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Help get a good friend out of the dumps, and stay near people who interest you. It will pay off today.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A surprise for your family will brighten everyone's mood. Solving practical problems will be easy today.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be very wise for his or her years. The education should be focused toward understanding modern attitudes, so involvements in business and social affairs will be quite natural. Don't try to change this child, be understanding and limit discipline.

THE Daily Crossword



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OECD expects slower growth in aid to developing countries

PARIS (R) — Growth in the amount of official aid flowing from the industrialised to the developing world is slowing down, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Monday.

In its latest annual review of aid policies among its 24 member countries, the Paris-based economic think-tank said official development assistance only rose 2.5 per cent in 1986, compared with a 3.6 per cent average increase recorded over the last five years.

In the next few years, the

OECD secretariat expects the growth rate in official aid to slip further, to an average two per cent, the OECD's development aid committee (DAC) chairman, Mr. Joseph Wheeler said.

He told a news conference introducing the report that most DAC countries would continue to

increase the amounts they gave, but he added that as many as a third of them might give less.

In its report, the DAC said the total of \$37 billion given in 1986 was a record, but it noted that most of the apparent 26 per cent increase over 1985 aid levels was due to currency fluctuations and inflation.

At the bottom of the scale, Austria's contributions fell sharply in 1986 to represent a slim 0.21 per cent of GNP, compared with 0.38 per cent in 1985. The United States was only marginally higher, with 0.23 per cent, and the DAC report said that U.S. aid may tend to decline over the next few years.

W. German finance minister predicts stable dollar

BONN (AP) — West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg, in a newspaper interview published Saturday, predicted a relatively stable dollar exchange rate.

In an interview with the conservative Bonn newspaper Die Welt, Mr. Stoltenberg said chances for dollar stability have improved following the so-called Louvre accord reached between the seven largest western industrialised countries in Paris Feb. 22.

He said a pledge to continue this cooperation was "one of the most important results" to come out of the world economic summit held in Venice earlier this month.

Mr. Stoltenberg told Die Welt that although the dollar remained the most important international currency, the German mark, the Japanese yen and the Swiss franc have gained in importance.

Aquino retires 2 generals

MANILA (R) — President Corazon Aquino has retired two senior generals in a bid to boost army morale and vowed to bolster the firepower of Philippines forces in their war with leftist rebels.

The Communist New People's Army (NPA), in a statement Sunday, condemned what it called Mrs. Aquino's war-like moves, calling for an end to military abuses, and warned soldiers molesting civilians that "the reach of revolutionary justice is wide and long."

Keeping to her promise not to extend the services of ageing generals, Mrs. Aquino Saturday announced the retirement of Deputy Armed Forces Commander Lieutenant-General Salvador Mison and army chief Major-General Rodolfo Camayo.

Until her announcement, there had been speculation Mrs. Aquino might extend the services of either of the two battle-hardened officers as possible successors to Chief of Staff General Fidel Ramos. Both Gen. Canieso and Gen. Mison had reached the limit of 30 years service.

In their places, Mrs. Aquino appointed the commander of the

Para-Military Constabulary Major-General Renato De Villa as Gen. Ramos' new deputy and Brigadier-General Restituto Padilla as army chief.

Some of Mrs. Aquino's military advisers had sought Gen. Ramos' dismissal, claiming his alleged weak leadership was promoting factionalism in the 150,000-strong military.

Former President Ferdinand Marcos' practice of extending the service of generals loyal to him beyond limits set by law had caused widespread army disension. Unrest eventually led to a civilian-backed revolt that toppled Marcos in February 1986.

Mrs. Aquino has promised to eliminate patronage and favouritism in the army to ensure the rise of deserving officers.

Speaking to air force officers Saturday, Mrs. Aquino said she was aware of "the serious lack of firearms and equipment" needed by the air force to combat the

18-year Communist insurgency. She said her government was continuing talks with the United States, the Philippines' chief military ally and supplier of arms. "I am assured that every effort will be made to answer our needs," she said.

Mrs. Aquino stressed the need for the military to intensify its training, saying, "if you want peace, prepare for war."

Mrs. Aquino had called for a more vigorous campaign against the rebels after guerrillas in a campaign of urban assassination this year gunned down 22 soldiers in the mid-1980s, the Washington Post said Sunday.

Quoting unnamed U.S. officials and congressional sources, the Post said these opponents say Mr. Weinberger's plan will absorb tens of billions of dollars the Defence Department should spend on other arms and that the system will not be ready on time or provide adequate protection.

Mr. Weinberger and Lieutenant General James A. Abrahamson, director of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organisation, are seeking preliminary approval from the Pentagon's defence acquisition board this week for the mid-1990s deployment of the so-called "Star Wars" plan, the Post reported.

Gen. Abrahamson has said deployment will cost \$40 billion to \$60 billion and involve putting hundreds of satellites into orbit with small rockets to try to shoot down missiles shortly after they are launched. He has said deployment could begin in 1994.

The Post says members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have criticised the cost of the deployment plan, which they say will be much higher than Gen. Abrahamson's estimate.

The rebels stole a dozen firearms and equipment during the raid and locked up town policemen in their own jails before escaping.

Reagan's polyps benign

WASHINGTON (R) — Final tests show two small polyps removed from President Reagan's colon are benign, the White House has said.

The White House, quoting Col. John Hutton, Mr. Reagan's physician, said, "final laboratory analysis of the two small polyps removed from the president yesterday confirm both to be benign."

The polyps were removed Friday when Reagan had his latest checkup to determine if there was any recurrence of the colon cancer for which he underwent surgery in 1985.

After the checkup, which is performed routinely about every six months, Mr. Reagan's doctors pronounced him in excellent health and said the two polyps were "benign-looking" but required "microscopic pathologic examination."

Mark Weinberg, a White House press spokesman told reporters in a conference telephone call from Camp David that Mr. Reagan was pleased with the test results.

Two or three bodies were wrapped together in each plastic bag when they were brought down from the mountainside crash site and taken to Manila, Veloso said.

"None of the bodies are intact," Santos told reporters. "But we hope all the bodies can be identified before midnight."

The propeller-driven plane rammed into Mount Pugo on northern Luzon Island on Friday.

PAL said the plane appeared to have lost its way in monsoon rains.

Santos said two Filipinos who had been identified, a man and woman, whose relatives recognised their jewellery.

Relatives start identifying bodies from Filipino crash

MANILA (R) — Grieving relatives Sunday began the grisly task of identifying the charred and mangled remains of their loved ones from a Philippine Air Lines (PAL) crash that killed all 50 people on board.

The victims' kin and PAL officials said they were finding it difficult to identify the bodies because most of them were either badly burned or cut to pieces after the plane slammed into a northern Philippine mountainside.

The bodies were brought to an undertaker in an eastern Manila suburb after being flown from the crash site Saturday night.

PAL spokesman Enrique Santos said the airline was investigating the cause of the crash, which occurred after the plane ran into heavy fog on its way from Manila to the mountain city of Baguio.

Santos said the airline had found no evidence to support earlier reports that the aircraft exploded before smashing into the mountain.

"There is no evidence that an explosion occurred before the impact," he said.

Thirteen bodies have so far been identified, including those of three U.S. citizens, two Indians, and eight Filipinos, according to a list released by airline officials.

The list said the two Indians

Vienna wing of Austrian Socialists calls for Waldheim's resignation

VIENNA (R) — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim received a serious political blow when the powerful Vienna section of the dominant Socialist Party (SPOE) called for his resignation Sunday night.

Dr. Waldheim, 68, has been accused by critics of covering up his role with the German army in World War II and the Vienna regional congress of the SPOE voted to demand that he give up the office to which he was elected a year ago.

Delegates approved the resolution over objections from the leadership of the SPOE, which rules in coalition with the Conservative People's Party (OVP).

A day earlier Dr. Waldheim returned from an audience with the Pope in the Vatican, which his supporters hoped would end his international isolation since he became head of state.

Josef Hindels, president of the Federation of Socialist Freedom Fighters proposed the motion, which said: A president who camouflaged his biography and who speaks of having done his

best in the Hitler war is unacceptable."

The resolution was passed after an interview appeared in Saturday's Vienna newspaper Kronen Zeitung in which Dr. Waldheim said his visit to the Vatican had strengthened his resolve to resign for his resignation.

"I never thought of resigning and feel myself much stronger now," Dr. Waldheim said. "I have a mission to fulfil."

The small Greens Party, which has eight MPs, is the only parliamentary group that has called on him to resign.

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and other Socialist leaders, as well as the OVP which supports Dr. Waldheim, have underlined the need to accept the democratic election of the president, who received more than 53 per cent of the national vote last June.

Mr. Vranitzky, SPOE Chairman Fred Sinowatz and Vienna's SPOE leader Leopold Gratz, who is the speaker of parliament, voted against the resolution which was carried by 268 votes to 217.

U.K. Jumbo Jet reports UFO over Soviet Union

LONDON (AP) — A British Airways jetliner made a mid-course diversion over the Soviet Union to avoid what the crew reported as an unidentified flying object (UFO), an airline spokesman has said.

The incident occurred in April, but first came to light in a front-page article Saturday in the Times of London.

Airline spokesman Alan Solloway confirmed that the crew of British Airways flight 009 from London to Bangkok, Thailand.

He said it was the first such case in the airline's history.

"We have had crews report seeing space debris burning, but we can't recall a UFO being sighted and being logged as a UFO," Solloway said.

The Times said all five crew members — "seasoned, sceptical professionals" — watched fascinated, but utterly bewildered as an object displaying twinkling lights flew directly toward them and then vanished at high speed over the Kazakhstan horizon.

"We were changing over duties on the flight deck. All five of us were together," the newspaper quoted a crew member, First Officer Anthony Colin, 42, as saying.

"Suddenly, we saw what appeared to be another aircraft away to our right. It was displaying two white lights just like an aircraft would," he was quoted as saying.

Solloway said he did not know how many passengers were aboard the Boeing 747 jetliner, but said it could carry 370.

"We watched it carefully and

Pentagon reportedly opposed to SDI deployment

WASHINGTON (R) — Senior military officials and Pentagon scientific advisors have voiced strong opposition to Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger's plan to deploy a limited space-based defence system in the mid-1990s, the Washington Post said Sunday.

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Colombo claims capture of main Tamil rebel post

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telephone communications are cut to Trincomalee, the region's main town, and reporter's access to the region is limited by the government.

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Beirut Radio sound engineers faint

BEIRUT (R) — It was the final straw for the broadcaster at Beirut Radio, who have reported 12 years of battles, invasions and bombings with admirable calm. "Just for your information, my colleague and I might faint while reading the news," a broadcaster warned Sunday. She stayed conscious but told listeners that two sound engineers had collapsed after temperatures in the studio soared over 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The broadcaster called on Information Ministry officials in mainly Muslim west Beirut to visit the adjoining state-owned radio studios to feel it for themselves. "Our morning news bulletin will be very short today... It is not possible for anybody to remain alive inside the locked studios, which are like a sauna, without air conditioning or ventilation," she added. Employees say the ventilation system has been malfunctioning for nearly a year despite frequent complaints.

Oman has TV sets in 93% of homes

MUSCAT (R) — Oman has television in 93 per cent of homes, according to a national survey. The survey, reported in the daily Observer, also showed that 70 per cent of Omanis watch television seven days a week. The survey was conducted as part of government moves to bring advertising to the broadcasting media. Trial advertising has already been appearing on Oman's government-owned TV channel in the past month and a senior Information Ministry official said: "The initial response has been excellent."

Experts study Rhodes finds

ATHENS (R) — Greek archaeologists will be studying fragments that may have come from the Colossus of Rhodes statue, one of the ancient wonders of the world, Greek Marine Minister Stavros Alexiadis said. Speaking at a press conference Mr. Alexiadis said the objects will be examined by specialists after they are hauled up from the sea. The search for the colossus remains was sparked by Dutch-born clairvoyant Ann Dankbaar, now living in Australia, who led divers to where the items were found. A colossus was a 31 metre high, metallic statue representing the sun and was placed at the entrance to the island's harbour in 280 B.C. It was toppled by an earthquake in 225 B.C.

Body found on roof of clinic

ROME (AP) — The body of an elderly woman patient who disappeared three months ago was found on the rooftop terrace of the clinic where she was being treated, officials said. Officials said Lucia Martini Annata, 79, disappeared on March 28 from her room at Rome's Istito Clinico, where she had been treated for about 10 days for heart problems. Clinic Health Director Antonio Regio said the nurse on duty reported the woman missing after she failed to return to her room after going to the bathroom. A search of the clinic and surrounding areas turned up no trace of the patient. On Saturday, however, a janitor discovered the woman's decomposed body in a narrow terrace passageway on the roof of the clinic. Regio said the terrace, at the top of a flight of stairs, is never used and only a few clinic officials know how to get there. Every four or five months, a janitor cleans the terrace, he said. Regio said he did not know how or why the woman climbed up the terrace. He said she may have collapsed from exhaustion after climbing the stairs and was unable to catch her breath.

2 poems by W.B. Yeats uncovered

LONDON (AP) — Two unpublished poems by William Butler Yeats have been found in a manuscript book that the poet-playwright dedicated to his sweetheart Maud Gonne, the Observer newspaper reported Sunday. The London weekly said the poems were written by Yeats in the summer and fall of 1901, five years after he had taken up writing at age 21. It said handwritten verses are inscribed in black ink in a yellow-bound book stamped in gold with the title "The flame of the spirit" and will be auctioned next month by Sotheby's, the London auction house.

The book also contains early versions of five other Yeats poems and is important in showing how he developed his technique, the newspaper said in front-page article. The book belonged to a descendant of Maud Gonne, the beautiful Irish nationalist who provided much of the inspiration and subject matter for Yeats' work, it said. Yeats first proposed marriage to her around this period and many more times up to 1916, but she always refused. Inside is the inscription: "To Maud Gonne from W.B. Yeats, Oct. 20, 1891."

Condoms rejected as gifts

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A local company has said its offer to fight AIDS by supplying 10,000 free condoms to foreigners attending a Lions Club International meeting was thwarted by the government. Taiwan Fuji Lates Co. had said it would provide the condoms if the government would pass them out to Lions Club members as they arrived at the airport, a company spokeswoman said. But National Health Administration official Chang Chia-Hua said that while the condom offer was a good idea, it was "not proper to single out Lions members as gift receivers." The Lions four-day annual conference begins July 1 with about 30,000 participants expected from about 100 countries. It will be the largest international meeting ever in Taiwan. Although the club had no official comment on the condom offer, one conference organiser who spoke on the condition of anonymity called it an "insult to our members" by implying they "came here for sexual pleasures." Three AIDS cases — two Americans and a Malaysian Chinese — have been reported in Taiwan. Health authorities have warned prostitutes and homosexuals to take necessary precautions and not to have sexual contact with foreigners. Taiwan's prostitutes, including many who are licensed by the authorities, are important for the island's tourist industry. AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of infections and cancers.

The article was another manifestation of "glasnost," or openness on selected topics.

The Ogonyok article marks a second rehabilitation of Raskolnikov. He served as Soviet ambassador to Bulgaria under Stalin, was fired, refused to return to Moscow and was convicted in absentia of treason. He was reinstated to the Communist Party during the thaw in 1963 but denounced two years later.

The article praised the diplomat for finding "spiritual strength to overcome the pain and danger, and to tell the truth, which few people dared mention."

In his letters, written in 1938 and 1939, Raskolnikov protested the personality cult that developed under Stalin.

"You forced those who go with you to walk over pools of blood of their erstwhile friends and comrades, feeling tortured and disgusted," he wrote. "In the false history of the party, written under your guidance, you robbed those you murdered and dishonoured, and appropriated to yourself their heroic deeds."

Preacher repeats remarks on Jews, Jesus

DALLAS (AP) — A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention has publicly reiterated his belief that Jews can't find salvation without Jesus, renewing a controversy that first erupted seven years ago. "I'm not against the Jewish people," the Rev. Bailey Smith told 2,000 Southern Baptist Evangelicals last weekend in St. Louis. "But unless they repent and get born again, they don't have a prayer." Jewish leaders responded with dismay to Smith's comments, which echoed his 1980 statement that "God doesn't hear the prayers of a Jew." The latest comments, made June 17, were reported in Friday's Dallas Times Herald, which obtained a taped transcript.

More terra cotta warriors discovered

PEKING (AP) — Archaeologists have unearthed a new group of ancient terra cotta statues in the eastern province of Hebei, the official Xinhua News Agency has reported. The 1,700 figures were found in Hebei's Hounwangzhang village in Cizhou county. They were discovered in a tomb about 1,400 years old belonging to an emperor of the northern Qi Dynasty (550-577). Most of the figures, which include warriors, horsemen, horses, musicians and dancers, are about 33-34 centimetres tall, with the tallest 100 centimetres, the report said. Thousands of terracotta warriors and horses have previously been discovered at two sites — the tomb of China's first emperor, Qinshihuang, in Xian, Shaanxi province, and a tomb in Xuzhou, Jiangsu province. The workers in Xian, which are life-sized, have become one of China's most popular tourist attractions.

